

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 22, 2008, claims 27-35 were rejected under §101 and claims 1-26 were allowed.

Claim 27, as originally filed, is in the Beauregard format which has been commonly-used by the Applicant. This format has been accepted by the Patent Office as evidenced by the numerous patents issued which have included this type of claim. However, in order to advance prosecution of this Application, claim 27 has been amended by deleting the phrase "usable with a programmable computer" and by inserting the word "storage" between "computer readable" and "medium." The undersigned believes that these changes adequately address the §101 issue. If the Examiner still has concerns, the undersigned encourages the Examiner to contact him by telephone at the number listed below.

For the foregoing reasons, all of the claims are believed to be allowable, the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a favorable Office Action is requested.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time. No fee is believed to be due in this instance. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any deficiency of fees submitted herewith, or the credit of any overpayment, to deposit account number 09-0449.

Respectfully Submitted,

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